

## LADY VIRGINIA WANTED PENSION

Daughter of Colonial Governor Thought Legislature Would Give Her 100,000 Pounds.

Dr. Melville, the State Librarian, has received a package of interesting documents from a representative of the Dunmore family in England. The package contains several letters and a petition, all relating to the efforts of Lady Virginia Murray, daughter of the Earl of Dunmore, to secure a pension of 100,000 from the Virginia Legislature in 1824. For several reasons the petition was never presented to the Legislature, and this is the first time the documents have been in this State.

The Earl of Dunmore was Governor of Virginia just before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Lady Virginia was born in 1774, and the Colonial Assembly passed resolutions celebrating her father upon the birth of the child. Two years later the Colonial Governor had to skip from Virginia because of the belligerent colonists. Later he went to England, taking his daughter with him.

Many years after that time the earl lost his money, and Lady Virginia, who had remained a spinster, seems to have been left without any means of support.

Happily, she remembered that the Colonial Assembly had passed a vote of commendation to her father upon her birth. This action of the Assembly appears to have brought with it the erroneous belief in her family that the Burgess had promised to pension her.

Acting on this belief, Lady Virginia prepared a petition to the Virginia Legislature asking for a pension of 100,000. Before sending the petition to



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### WILL URGE LAW HERE

Dr. Wilbur Shows Importance of Registration of All Deaths in Virginia.

Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician of the Census Bureau, gave a very interesting and instructive talk last night before the members of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery on the importance of making the registration of vital statistics compulsory throughout the State. Dr. E. Levy, chief health officer, introduced the speaker.

Dr. Wilbur stated clearly, with frequent reference to the immense amount of good done in many of the other States by the recent law as to registration, how the residents in the rural districts should be fixed up by this system as well as the people residing in the larger cities of the State, a number of which have already adopted the matter of registering the births, marriages and deaths in the large communities. Richmond, Manchester, Lynchburg, Danville and Norfolk are the cities now having this system in their health departments.

In speaking of the "registration area," Dr. Wilbur stated that only fifteen States of the Union are wholly under the compulsory act, there being no Southern State among the number, although North Carolina has taken the initiative, and will soon have the law in effect in that State.

At the close of the lecture a resolution was adopted providing that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the State committee and the committee from the funeral directors of the State in regard to having the initiative movement brought before the Legislature.

Major L. T. Christian, president of the Virginia Association of Funeral Directors, announced that the funeral directors throughout Virginia would lend their hearty co-operation in carrying out the scheme of registration of vital statistics.

### WANT 300 MEMBERS

Ten Team Captains Begin Work to Help Swell Y. M. C. A. Roll.

A lively campaign for 300 new members for the Central Young Men's Christian Association was begun last night with a meeting of the ten captains under the leadership of Charles G. Taylor, chairman of the movement, and a number of the board of directors of the association.

In the city of Lynchburg, in a campaign closing March 26, 400 new members were secured in five days with more than 600 renewals, and at Parkersburg, W. Va., 123 were secured in a one-day campaign. Because of limited accommodations prior to going into the new building the Richmond association can only go out for 200 members, but there is no doubt that this number can be secured, and any one contemplating securing the valuable advantages of membership is requested to give the matter immediate attention.

The captains are Messrs. C. E. Crawford, A. Gawthrop, W. E. Gilliam, R. C. Hawick, J. C. Lamb, G. E. Massey, J. E. Singleton, D. McC. Thornton, C. A. Watkins and J. B. Zink. From previous experience in this work there is no doubt that the 300 will be secured before the close of the campaign.

### RAINBOW CONTEST

Campaign for Members of Woman's Christian Association Progresses Rapidly.

Enthusiasm over the rainbow contest of the Young Woman's Christian Association is growing daily throughout the city. The board of managers met on Monday and canvassed the work, the dark green team meeting that night and the pink team yesterday afternoon in the association building.

Last night a supper was given to the officers and captains of the teams. Among those present were Mrs. J. M. J. Caldwell, Mrs. C. G. Boshier, Miss J. G. Smith, Miss Virginia Watson, Mrs. Clifford Pate, Miss Constance MacCorkle, Miss Pat-

the Loving, Miss Mary W. Ball, Miss Anna Jefferson, President Monroe, Light Horse Harry Lee and others. They informed her that the chances of her receiving a pension were exceedingly slim. On receiving these letters she abandoned the scheme.

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Among the resolutions discussed and adopted were those providing that each captain, lieutenant and new member be urged to wear the team colors; that an attempt be made to interest ministers and churches in the work of the campaign; that each worker attempt to secure at least one new member each day until the close of the campaign; and that it possible, permanent clubs be formed for those who have recently joined and wish to keep in touch with the work of the association.

The final campaign rally will be held Monday night, April 5, and a committee has been named to prepare a suitable program.

HER WIT SAVED CHILD

Mrs. Sterndorff's Smothered Flames in Daughter's Clothes With Blanket.

But for the quick wit of her mother, six-year-old Margaret Sterndorff would have been burned to death yesterday afternoon in the yard in the rear of her home, 1729 East Main Street. The little girl, who is a devotee of wood shavings in which she is playing, Mrs. Sterndorff saw the blaze through a window of the house and, seizing a blanket off a bed in her room, rushed out into the yard and wrapped the child up, smothering the flames.

After the daughter into the house she summoned Dr. Bell of the City Home. The physician found that the girl had been seriously, though not fatally, burned about the face, arms and chest.

### Suit Dismissed.

In the City Circuit Court yesterday the suit of Al Robert against David Warfield and others, receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was dismissed from the docket on motion of counsel for the plaintiff.

### Mr. Rose's Will Recorded.

The will of John E. Rose, late Mayor of Barton Heights, was recorded in the clerk's office of Henrico county yesterday. His estate was valued at \$55,000. He named his wife as executrix. His business is left to his son, Edgar Rose.

### Services at Emanuel.

Rev. Robert W. Forsyth will preach at Emanuel Episcopal Church, Henrico county, to-night, 7:30 o'clock. A large congregation is expected.

## MRS. MAYO DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Stricken by Paralysis Yesterday Morning, She Lingers but a Few Hours.

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Wise Mayo, widow of William C. Mayo, died about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. O. P. Oppenheimer, 108 North Ninth Street, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, which she suffered about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Mrs. Mayo is survived by five children—Henry Wise Mayo, of New York; Mrs. W. T. Oppenheimer, and Mrs. St. Julien Oppenheimer, of Richmond; Mrs. Richard Parker Crenshaw, of Havana, and Mrs. James Brandt Lett, of Chicago.

Mrs. Mayo was born on September 25, 1844, in Rio de Janeiro, to which country her father had been accredited by President Tyler. She was the youngest daughter of Henry A. Wise. Her mother, Sarah Sargent, was a daughter of Hon. John Sargent, the eminent lawyer and statesman of Philadelphia.

When only a child Mrs. Mayo came to the United States with her father, living first on the Eastern Shore of Virginia at her father's home, "Onley Near-Onancock," and later at Rolleston, near Norfolk. In 1856, after her father had achieved his memorable triumph over the Know-nothing party, she came to Richmond to live in the Governor's mansion.

Scarcely had her father gone out of office, when the stormy period of the Civil War followed. During the war the capital of the Confederacy was the center of a brilliant social life as America has ever known, and in this Mrs. Mayo was a prominent figure. Cooper de Leon, writing of that day, referred to her as "the belle of war-time Richmond," whose "wit made her a centre of attraction."

In January, 1870, she married the late William C. Mayo, of this city, and made her home in Richmond ever since.

### OBITUARY

**Edmund T. Christian.**—Edmund T. Christian, a native of Charles City county, but for the past fifteen or sixteen years a resident of Louisa, died at his home, near Cuckoo, yesterday evening in the seventeenth year of his age. Mr. Christian leaves a widow, who was a Miss Mason, and two children—Edmund, a son by his last marriage, and Mrs. J. Fred Richardson, of this city, a daughter by a former marriage. He also had three brothers—Judge George L. and Robert S. Christian, of this city, and John D. Christian, formerly of this

city, but now residing at Rocky Mount, N. C.

Mr. Christian was of the well-known "Waterhouse" Virginia family of that name, and a type of those who represented the best traditions of his native State. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, having served from the beginning to the end of the war as a member of the Charles City Troop, Company D, Third Virginia Cavalry, Wickham's Brigade, Fitz Lee's Division, Army of Northern Virginia. He had three horses killed under him—one at Kelly's Ford, one at Brandy Station and the third at Reams Station. His funeral will take place from his late residence to-day at 12:30 o'clock.

**B. H. Ewan, Sr.**—News has been received here of the death Saturday night at Dixie Hospital, Newport News, of B. H. Ewan, Sr., of Magruder, York County, Va. He had been in failing health for several years, although not confined to the house, and his death was a shock to his many friends. The remains were brought to his home on Monday, and the funeral services were held from the York River Presbyterian Church at 2 P. M. Mr. Ewan had been an elder in this church for many years. He had been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Mary Dean Schenck. Besides his second wife, who survives him, he leaves three sons—Willie Ewan, of Magruder; Frank Ewan, of Newport News; B. H. Ewan, Jr., of Roxbury—and four daughters—Mrs. J. J. Hovey, of Magruder; Mrs. E. C. Furman, of Newport News, and Misses Rebecca and Grace Ewan, of Magruder. His aged mother and one brother survive him at Mount Holly, N. J.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Briggs.**—Mrs. Elizabeth Briggs, widow of James Briggs, of Canada, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Sheltering Arms Hospital in the sixtieth year of her age. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Tensdale, of this city, and four grandchildren. The funeral will take place from 310 South Harrison Street this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

**Dr. William Nelson Hurvell.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., March 23.—Messengers received at Newryville to-day announce the death of Dr. William Nelson Hurvell, at Parkersburg, W. Va., from a sudden attack of heart disease. He was one of the sons of the late Nathaniel Hurvell, of Glenomen, Clarke county, and leaves one brother, Thomas H. Hurvell, and three children—Mrs. C. S. Riddle, of Philadelphia; Miss Mary W. Hurvell, and Mrs. E. Wickham Byrd—all of Clarke county. Dr. Hurvell was a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. The interment will be at Parkersburg, where he had resided a number of years.

**Albert Lee Hawkins.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLACKSBURG, VA., March 23.—Albert Lee Hawkins died Sunday night at his home near Blacksburg. The funeral took place Monday afternoon from the Whisner Memorial Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Joyce, and burial was made in the town cemetery. Mr. Hawkins was a native of Tennessee, but had been a resident of Blacksburg since the close of the war in which he did valiant service as a member of the Army of the Mississippi. He was formerly Miss Faulkner, of this county; two daughters, Mrs. E. L. Camper and Miss Ollie Hawkins, of New Castle, and four grown sons survive.

**Dr. W. G. Teel.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ST. LOUIS, MO., March 23.—Dr. W. G. Teel, a dentist, son of Samuel Teel, who served several terms as sheriff of Albemarle county, Va., died last night, aged forty-seven years, at the St. Louis hospital, after a long illness. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Lupton undertaking rooms, and the body was then taken to Boonville, Mo., for burial.

After studying medicine in the University of Virginia, Dr. Teel matriculated in the dental school of Washington University, and was graduated in 1892. He practiced in Syracuse and Tipton, Mo., until 1895, when he went to Charlottesville, Va., his parents' home. In 1898 he began practice in St. Louis, and for a time he was a member of the dental faculty of Washington University.

Dr. Teel is survived by his mother, Mrs. Agnes Teel, of Charlottesville, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. C. W. Durrett, Teas Hill, Va.; Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, Orange county, Va.; Mrs. Dr. Star, Charlottesville, Va.; and Mrs. Stephen Carpenter, Red Hill, Va.; and two brothers, Dr. H. S. M. Teel, Boonville, and Stephen Teel, of Charlottesville.

**Mrs. Mary McCubbin Gaither.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SALISBURY, N. C., March 23.—Mrs. Mary McCubbin Gaither, wife of Dr. J. B. Gaither, a well-known physician in Rowan county, died at a sanatorium here late last night after a severe illness. She was fifty-nine years old, a member of a well-known family, and is survived by one daughter, three sons and a husband. The remains are in charge of the mother died. The interment will take place here.

**Mrs. Virginia Boshammer.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WADESBORO, N. C., March 23.—Mrs. Virginia Boshammer, widow of Rev. A. A. Boshammer, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died last evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cornelia Howze, in this place. Mrs. Boshammer died very suddenly from an acute attack of heart trouble. She was much liked by all who knew her, and her death is a loss to Wadesboro.

**J. Ed. Smith.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., March 23.—J. Ed. Smith, a farmer living in the suburbs of Greensboro, died last night at his residence on Cedar Street, of pneumonia. He was fifty years of age and leaves a wife and eight children. The funeral will be at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to-morrow. Mr. Smith possessed a valuable estate.

**Mrs. John Chandler.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BURLINGTON, N. C., March 23.—Mrs. John Chandler died at her home, six miles north of Burlington, Monday. A husband and five children survive. She was a sister of the Allen Brothers, merchants of High Point and Haw River. Interment was made at Longs Chapel.

**Mrs. Francis M. Hix.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., March 23.—Mrs. Francis M. Hix, of Richmond, died here to-day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Vier, aged seventy-two years. Her remains will be taken to Richmond to-morrow for interment.

**Miss Mabel Nuttall.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WADESBORO, N. C., March 23.—The remains of Miss Mabel Nuttall, who died yesterday in Charlotte, arrived last evening and were laid to rest to-day in East View Cemetery. Miss Nuttall was born and reared here.

**Mrs. N. J. Kinkaid.**—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MONTEREY, VA., March 23.—Mrs. N. J. Kinkaid, an octogenarian, of the Crabbottom Valley, died at her home, five miles from Hightown, on yesterday, death being due to a general

### DEATHS

**BRIGGS.**—Died, March 23, at 5 P. M., at the Sheltering Arms Hospital, MRS. ELIZABETH BRIGGS, in the sixtieth year of her age. Funeral from 310 South Harrison Street THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, March 24, at 5 o'clock. Boston papers copy.

**CHRISTIAN.**—Died, at his home, near Cuckoo, Louisa county, on Monday evening, the 22d instant, EDMUND TURNER CHRISTIAN, in the seventeenth year of his age. Funeral from his late residence THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON at 12:30 o'clock.

**HIX.**—Died, in Roanoke, Va., March 23, 1909, MRS. FRANCIS A. HIX, relict of Geo. P. Hix, of Richmond, Va.

The remains will arrive in the city on the S. A. M. train of the Norfolk and Western on the 25th instant. Funeral services at Riverview Cemetery.

**MAYO.**—Died, March 23, 1909, at 5:10 o'clock, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer, 108 North Ninth, MARGARET ELLIEN MAYO, aged sixty-four, wife of the late William C. Mayo, of this city, and youngest daughter of Governor Henry A. Wise.

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breakdown. She was the widow of Peter H. Kinkaid, a prominent citizen of the county, and Mrs. S. W. Sterrett, wife of Hon. S. W. Sterrett, is her only surviving child.

Mrs. Kinkaid's maiden name was Hull, and she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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